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SUBJECT: NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY TRIP TO BRUSSELS

REF: STATE 045381 DTG 012358Z MAR 77 (NOTAL)

1. WE WELCOME VISIT BY MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE
UNIVERSITY ON THE DATES OUTLINED IN REFTEL AND WILL, OF
COURSE, DO ALL WE CAN TO ENSURE THAT THE TRIP IS
SUCCESSFUL. HOWEVER, SEVERAL SCHEDULED EVENTS WILL
LIKELY IMPACT ON THE OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS OF THE VISITS:

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-- MAY 2 - BELGIAN AND NATO HOLIDAY

-- MAY 7 AND 8 - ECONOMIC SUMMIT IN LONDON

-- MAY 10 AND 11 - NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL MINISTERIAL MEETING
IN LONDON

-- MAY 12 AND 13 SHAPEX

-- MAY 17 AND 18 - DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE MINISTERIAL

MEETING IN BRUSSELS

ALTHOUGH THESE MEETINGS DO NOT POSE AN INSURMOUNTABLE PROBLEM TO THE PROPOSED VISIT SCHEDULE, MANY OFFICERS IN USNATO, THE VARIOUS NATO STAFFS, AND OTHER DELEGATIONS WILL BE FULLY INVOLVED IN PREPARATION FOR AND CONDUCT OF THE MEETINGS; CONCEQUENTLY, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DELIVER THE KIND OF PROGRAM WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE THE NDU STUDENTS.

2. OUR INITIAL PLANS CALL FOR SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE US AMBASSADOR, IF THEY ARE AVAILABLE. BEYOND THIS, WE WILL REPEAT WILL PLAN TO CONDUCT MEETINGS WITH MISSION OFFICERS ON THE MAY 2 HOLIDAY. WE WOULD WELCOME NDU THOUGHTS ON THE KIND OF PEOPLE EACH GROUP WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET AND THE SPECIFIC SUBJECTS THEY WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS. ARMED WITH THIS INFORMATION, WE MAY BE ABLE TO BLOCK APPROPRIATE CALENDARS BEFORE THEY ARE FILLED. ADDITIONALLY, ONCE WE KNOW THE SPECIFIC DESIRES, WE, WORKING WITH AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS AND THE USEC, CAN DEVELOP A COGENT BRUSSELS PROGRAM.

3. WITH REFERENCE TO FUTURE VISITS BY THE NDU, WE BELIEVE THAT TRIP PLANERS MIGHT WELL CONSIDER EARLY COORDINATION SO THAT THEY CAN BECOME AWARE OF ESTABLISHED HOLIDAYS AND OTHER POTENTIALLY UNCLASSIFIED

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DETRACTING EVENTS SUCH AS THOSE LISTED IN PARA 1, ABOVE.

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